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SOUTH DAKOTA MAN INDICTED ON TWENTY-ONE COUNTS RELATED TO A COUNTERFEIT CHECK SCHEME

Montgomery, Alabama – Michael Wayne Hicks, 39, of Box Elder, South Dakota, was recently indicted on federal counterfeiting charges, Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney, announced today.

The indictment, which was unsealed today, alleges that Hicks was found to be in possession of twenty counterfeit checks that were ostensibly drawn on the accounts of a number of Alabama medical facilities, including Troy Regional Medical Center, Andalusia Regional Hospital, Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, and Southeast Alabama Medical Center. The indictment also charges Hicks with the possession of equipment particularly suited for manufacturing counterfeit securities—in this instance, a laptop computer.

If convicted on both counts, Hicks would face a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and an order of restitution.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Headland Police Department, and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gray M. Borden.

Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 3.6, requires a statement explaining that the charge is merely an accusation and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.